

# Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee Public Engagement Sessions

## Draft Process Agenda

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### Sessions Objectives

#### Inform and engage the public about...

- The causes of sea level rise
- Impacts of sea level rise on Delaware
- The Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee and their mission (recommend adaptation strategies for Delaware)
- The progress of the Committee so far (completion of the vulnerability assessment) and their upcoming work (draft adaptation strategies)
- And receive comments and suggestions from participants

### Timing and Location

- Three public meetings sessions in the late summer and September
- One in each county in the areas that would be most affected by sea level rise issues (coastal areas of New Castle County, Kent County, and Sussex County)
- From 4:00 – 8:00 pm

### Materials

#### Handouts

- Booklet on sea level rise, to include the science behind its causes, its potential impacts, and what it means for Delaware (to be developed)
- SLR inundation and vulnerability maps, as appropriate for location of public engagement session
- SLR inundation map one pager, including URL of online inundation map viewer
- SLR Advisory Committee one pager, including URL to committee's website
- Suggestions/Comment forms

#### Display

- Large wall maps with inundation projections showing vulnerable areas, in all three counties
- Other interpretive signage as necessary

### Presentations

- Set of presentations will be given 2 times during each Public Engagement Session (Opening & Welcoming Remarks; Sea Level Rise Overview; Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee)
- The objective is to set the stage for the evening and to encourage the public to provide written feedback at the Stations.

## Stations

### Station Topics

- Sea Level Rise in Delaware Overview
- Natural Resource Issues
- Public Safety and Infrastructure Issues
- Economy and Society Issues

### Station logistics

- Arrange several stations – each displaying a SLR vulnerability map on a particular issue of concern in an open house arrangement so that they are available for the public to review throughout the session
- Have a staff member or committee member that can interpret displayed information and answer questions of public placed at each station throughout the session
- Include additional interpretive signage at stations as necessary
- Invite the public to comment (on a form) about the information displayed at each session
- Provide interactive online inundation viewer for public use during session

## Advertising and Event Marketing

- Ads in local newspapers
- Press releases
- Investigate costs of direct mailings
- Email listservs
- Social media announcements
- Other media outreach as suggested by committee members

## Presentation Agenda

| Time        | Activity  | Presenters/ Facilitators and Materials   |
|-------------|---|--|
| Ongoing     | <b>Registration</b><br>Provide agenda, name tags, and handouts  | Staff at check in<br><br>Agenda, SLR in Delaware booklet, Inundation/vulnerability map of county, etc. |
| 4:15 - 4:20 | <b>Welcoming remarks and goals of the session</b><br>Review objectives of the public engagement session – to inform about SLR (not debating science of SLR) and receive comments and suggestions on committee work; highlight staff and committee members present; point out SLR maps posted in room and materials distributed<br><br>Total time: 5 minutes                   | John Taylor, SLR Advisory Cmte   |
| 4:20 – 4:45 | <b>Sea Level Rise Overview Presentation</b><br><br><u>Objective:</u> Public will be informed of the causes of sea level rise, its potential impacts, and what this means for the Delaware<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation (20 min)</li> <li>• Questions - on logistics only (5 min)</li> </ul> Total time: 25 minutes                            | Bob Scarborough<br><br>Powerpoint projector & laptop, Remote control                                   |
| 4:45 – 5:05 | <b>Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee Presentation</b><br><br><u>Objective:</u> Public will be informed about the SLR AC, its composition, mission, and work to-date, especially findings of the vulnerability assessment<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation (15 min)</li> <li>• Questions - on logistics only (5 min)</li> </ul> Total time: 20 min | Susan Love<br><br>Powerpoint projector & laptop Remote control   |
| 5:05 – 6:00 | <b>Break</b>  |  |
| 6:00        | <b>Repeat above presentations for late-comers</b>   |  |
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|                    | SLR)and receive comments and suggestions;<br>highlight staff and committee members present;<br>point out SLR maps posted in room and materials<br>distributed     |  |
|                    | Total time: 5 minutes   |  |
| <b>6:05 – 6:30</b> | <b>Sea Level Rise Overview Presentation</b>   | Bob Scarborough                                  |
|                    | <u>Objective:</u> Public will be informed of the causes of<br>sea level rise, its potential impacts, and what this<br>means for the Delaware                      | Powerpoint projector & laptop,<br>Remote control |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation (20 min)</li> <li>• Questions (5 min)</li> </ul>  | Note taker for questions                         |
|                    | Total time: 25 minutes  |  |
| <b>6:30 – 6:50</b> | <b>Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee Presentation</b>   | Susan Love                                       |
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|                    | Total time: 20 min  |  |
| <b>7:00</b>        | Wrap Up and Conclude Presentations  |  |